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**UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL**

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Title: "APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR SELECTIVELY SECURING A VALVE IN AN OPEN OR CLOSED POSITION"

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This application claims priority from U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/451,098 filed in February 28, 2003. The entire disclosure of the provisional application is considered to be part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference. Enclosed for filing with the above-identified utility patent application, please find the following:

1. ☒ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.
2. ☒ Specification (Total Pages of Text, including Abstract and Claims: 23)
3. ☒ Drawing(s) (35 USC 113) (Total Sheets: 8) ☐ FORMAL ☒ INFORMAL
4. ☒ Return Postcard (MPEP 503) (should be specifically itemized)
5. ☒ A check in the amount of \$385.00 is enclosed.

**FEE CALCULATION:**

	(COL. 1) NO. FILED				SMALL ENTITY			LARGE ENTITY	
					RATE	FEE		RATE	FEE
BASIC FEE:						\$385.00	OR		\$770.00
TOTAL CLAIMS:	20	-	20	0	X \$9 =	\$0.00	OR	X \$18 =	
INDEP. CLAIMS:	3	-	3	0	X \$43 =	\$0.00	OR	X \$86 =	
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS					+ \$145 =	\$0.00	OR	+\$290 =	
*IF THE DIFFERENCE IN COL. 2 IS LESS THAN ZERO, ENTER "O" IN COL. 2.					TOTAL:	\$385.00			

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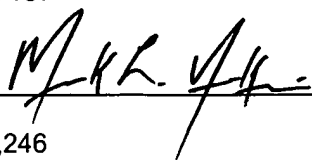
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